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REPORT

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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EVALUATION

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REMARKS

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1. At 1010 on 22 September 1954, 3 Li-2s took off at Brandis airfield and subsequently headed toward the east. ~~Between 23 September and 7 October~~, there was no flying at the field. Parachuting was observed during the second half of September. Additional information follows: Parachute jumps were made over Wachtelberg (hill) between Machern and Gerichshain south of the woods indicated on the map as Tresen, rather than over Trebsen. Common white parachutes were used. The parachutists carried no equipment or packs.

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2. On 22 September, a train with undetermined number and type of cars and unknown destination left Brandis airfield. Between 22 September and 7 October, 2 to 3 railroad cars with construction material were unloaded almost daily near hangar No 6. According to a German worker, a loading ramp was under construction northwest of this hangar. <sup>2</sup>
3. On 14 October, preparations for the re-occupation of the field were apparently made. The fuel dump was supplied by 16 railroad tank cars. Newly manufactured trucks arrived. An advance detail of 130 to 150 personnel were present at the field. An additional 800 to 1,000 personnel were expected to arrive. <sup>3</sup>

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2. Comment. The purpose for which construction material was unloaded at the field is unknown.

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3. Comment. It is believed that the ground attack regiment, which, in mid-May 1954, transferred to the Alt Loennowitz and Finsterwalde airfields for re-training, will return to Brandis airfield.

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